



Iraq Reconstruction Report

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Lots of smiles and waves in Husseinia.

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Notable Quote

"I think you have to blame the media for what they report. People only get two types of stories: death and scandals, and that really doesn't reflect the experience people are having over here. Too often the media lets the bad news take center stage."

- Shelby Monroe, a reporter embedded for 101 days with the 101st Abn. Div. in Iraq.

New Reconstruction Video



See the latest edition to the series of video reports by the Pentagon Channel on Iraq's reconstruction.

Watch the Video:

<http://www.rebuilding-iraq.net/pls/portal/url/ITEM/175208659753CDEFE04010AC640532B3>

The entire reconstruction video series can be found at: <http://www.rebuilding-iraq.net>

Project Dispatches

Al-Dayer Water Network Completed

Construction was completed on the Al Dayer Water Network in Basrah Province. The \$286,000 project consisted of installing 11,000 meters of various pipes to create a water distribution network.



Basrah Village Roads Project Begins

Construction began on the Basrah Village Roads project in Mashroa-Al Zera'i, Basrah Province. The \$682,000 project began last month and the estimated completion date is early next year. The project will improve and pave more than five kilometers of roadway.



Sadr City Water Project Serves 30,000

A \$666,000 water network rehabilitation project which provides potable water to 30,000 Sadr City residents was completed on July 1.



Electricity Production Surpasses 5-Year Average: Recently, daily electricity production averaged 100,000 Megawatt Hours (MWhrs) per day. The pre-war average for the five preceding years (1998- 2002) was 83,800 MWhrs per day.

Husseiniya Public Healthcare Clinic Completed

The renovation of the Husseinia Public Healthcare Clinic in the Nisan District, Baghdad Province has been completed. The \$482,000 project renovated the existing healthcare facility and constructed a laboratory and x-ray room. The clinic's staff sees 150 patients daily.



New School in Ninewa Province Ready for Students

Construction is complete on the Ba'aweza Secondary School in Ninewa Province. The \$280,000 project was completed on June 25. The project built a new school with 18 classrooms and five administrative offices to house approximately 450 students.



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New Facility for Husseinia Fire Fighters

Stories and Photos by Norris Jones
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BAGHDAD — Husseinia city officials and fire fighters in north Baghdad Province hosted a ceremony recently marking the opening of a new \$1.1 million, three-story fire station that will benefit the city's 450,000 residents.

The 925-square meter concrete structure features five bays; three for ladder trucks and two for SUVs. It also includes a dormitory area for 25 fire fighters; a dining room for 30; a commercial-grade kitchenette equipped to feed 40 people; a training room for 20; locker room; a control room; and a chief's office.



Iraqi children in front of the new three-story fire station wave at the photographer. The station will benefit 450,000 city residents.

Mohan Al-Fiaydh, chairman of the Istakal Qada Council, officiated at the building's dedication and praised the workmanship of the structure as well as its value for the community. "We have 75 fire fighters who will work out of here -- 25 per eight-hour shift. The city's former fire station was not suitable for their training, to house their equipment, or to respond to this area's needs."

He estimated the fire squad responds to about one fire weekly.

Many of those in attendance at the dedication spoke about a mass-casualty event that had happened the week before. A vehicle-borne improvised explosive device (VBIED) was detonated in Husseinia's downtown market killing 22 and injuring 57 people. The fire fighters earned high praise for their quick response as they provided first aid to the injured, rushed the critically wounded to the hospital, and used their new equipment to extinguish the numerous blazes.

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Coalition-Iraqi Construction Plan Focuses on Water, Roads

Story & Photo by Spc. Michael Pfaff

BAQUBAH, Iraq — Teaming up with local Iraqi leadership, coalition forces have implemented a plan to build a water treatment facility, pave many of the roads in the village and refurbish a soccer field.

A groundbreaking ceremony was held June 15 to mark the beginning of several construction projects in the village of Mukhisa on the outskirts of Baqubah.

"Today was a chance to reward a community that is friendly to coalition forces," said U.S. Army Maj. Patrick Creed, a Havertown, Pa., native and civil affairs team leader with Bravo Company, 404th Civil Affairs Battalion, attached to the 1-68 Combined Arms Battalion, 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, Task Force Band of Brothers.

"We've often neglected the quiet villages, focusing our attention on the more violent regions for obvious reasons," he said. "This particular town has been cooperating with coalition forces, and this is our way of showing gratitude."

From the World Bank News Wire: International Reconstruction Fund Meeting in Jordan



Amman, Jordan - Representatives from more than 60 countries and international organizations, including the United Nations and the World Bank, will gather at the Dead Sea in Jordan on July 18-19, 2005 to review progress and lessons learned from donor-financed reconstruction activities in Iraq.

Hosted by the Government of Jordan and chaired by the Government of Canada, the Fourth International Reconstruction Fund Facility for Iraq (IRFFI) Meeting will focus on the achievements to date. At the meeting, the Government of Iraq will present its priorities and discuss with donors how best to coordinate efforts to move the reconstruction process forward.

The first IRFFI meeting to convene since the January 2005 elections in Iraq, the Dead Sea gathering is being held at a unique juncture in Iraq's reconstruction process.

Taking place on the heels of the International Conference on Iraq held in Brussels last month, the event is broadly expected to follow through on support expressed for the political transition in Iraq, and to provide a new momentum to reconstruction efforts

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Sector Overview: Current Status – End State

Compiled By: John Daley, PCO

As of: July 01, 2006

- \$9.0 billion of the Iraq Relief and Reconstruction Fund (IRRF) has been disbursed by DoD, representing 67% of total funds allocated to DoD
- 3,002 projects starts (out of 3,407 planned projects). This number includes covers the DoD projects funded by the IRRF (including MNSTC-I and AIRP) and the Development Fund for Iraq (DFI)
- 2,417 projects are complete

Sector	Current Status	End State
Electricity	1,431 MW capacity added* Increased power generation to 1.3 million homes* Improved Electricity Distribution to approximately 280K Homes*	1,562 MW capacity added* (2,679 for all USG projects) Increased power generation to 1,400K Homes* Improved Electricity Distribution to approximately 720K Homes*
Oil	2.5 Million Barrels Per Day (MBPD) production capacity 2.4 MBPD produced Natural Gas Production Capacity of 600M standard cubic feet/day	3.0 MBPD crude oil capacity Natural Gas Production Capacity of 800M standard cubic feet/day
Water & Sewer	Added 222,000 cubic meters per day of water treatment capacity (benefits an estimated 1.4 million Iraqis)*	Additional 1,245,000 cubic meters per day of water treatment capacity (will benefit approximately 5.8 million Iraqis*. All USG projects will benefit 9.2 million Iraqis)
Health	Two IRRF funded Primary Healthcare Centers (PHC) completed and open and 10 DFI funded centers completed	Population of 5 to 6.5 million Iraqis served by completed primary healthcare centers
Education	832 schools providing classrooms for 325,000 students*	845 schools providing classrooms for 330,000 students*
Security & Justice	338 police facilities completed 24 courthouses completed 247 border forts completed	400 police facilities 37 courthouses 253 border forts
Transportation	180 Kilometers (KM) or 58% of planned improved village roads Provided emergency response dispatch system ('911' service) covering 12 million Iraqis in 15 cities	424 KM of improved village roads 157 KM of improved major roads Provided emergency response dispatch system ('911' service) covering 12 million Iraqis in 15 cities

* GRD-PCO Contribution (does not include impact of other agencies' projects unless stated otherwise)

Source: Multiple GRD-PCO Management Reports

Injured by Blast, Iraqi Gets Prosthetic Hand



FORWARD OPERATING BASE KALSU, Iraq – U.S. Army Dr. (Maj.) Steven Bauer (right), 4th Infantry Division, instructs Iraqi Lt. Ceasar Hamed Hassan on how to close and open his newly received prosthetic hand. Hassan lost his left hand when his vehicle collided with two separate vehicles loaded with bombs during a patrol. He also lost his comrades; all the other soldiers inside his vehicle died in the explosion. (Photo by Pfc. Edgar Reyes)

In the News... "and the band plays on."

Extracted from "THE S.C.O.R.P.I.O.N."

MNFI Daily Western Media Analysis Report

Over strains of music, CBS reporter Lee Cowan began a feature segment on an Iraqi army band.

Hikmat Fadhil plays flute and saxophone for Iraq's army band and for 30 years played what and when he was told. Fadhil and his army band used to play for an audience of military overlords, Saddam included. Now the band is celebrating their musical independence.

Cowan said they embody the new spirit of Iraq and are the rhythm of the 100,000 new army recruits. The musicians mirror their homeland: Shia, Sunnis, Kurds and Christians all march alongside each other, a model of cooperation. Yet their commander is still fearful.

Cowan asked him why the band is in such danger. The commander replied: "Terrorists outside don't recognize us as musicians. They shoot and kill. That's it."

He added, "Music is the language of peace, it's not an ideology", said Fadhil.

If only Saddam could hear his band now, Cowan concluded.

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International donors established IRFFI at the 2003 Madrid Conference to facilitate the provision of reconstruction assistance in a coordinated and effective manner.

The IRFFI has two trust funds, separately administered by the World Bank and the UN in close coordination with the Iraqi authorities and donors.

To date, international donors have committed a total of \$1 billion to the two trust funds. IRFFI's Donor Committee meets on a semi-annual basis to endorse overall direction, review progress, coordinate efforts, and ensure coherence with Iraqi priorities.

"This is an opportunity to strengthen further the partnership for Iraq", says Barham Salih, Iraq's Minister of Planning and Development Cooperation. "It is time to make a difference for the people of Iraq", he added.

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Baghdad Fire Department Major Raaft Nashat, who oversees five fire stations, says that the training is a critical element in upgrading their system. Compared to a decade ago, he emphatically stated that Baghdad's fire fighters today are much better prepared for emergencies because they are trained in the use of personal protective equipment; fire fighting pumpers and tankers; and the new rescue equipment. In addition, both the renovated and the new fire stations make the job easier to get done. Nashat has 22 years experience and points out that continued training is essential; especially for new personnel now being recruited.

During their open house, the fire fighters were proud to show their new Mercedes-Benz Freightliner 500-plus-gallon

mini-pumper; a Mercedes-Benz 1000-gallon pumper; a Sides 1000 gallon pumper; and two Mercedes-Benz Ateco 3,000-gallon tankers. With few places to draw large quantities of water in the city, this equipment allows them to transport that resource themselves so that they can battle any fire.



The Husseinia firemen are proud of their new station, equipment and training

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Iraqi Government – A Who's Who Profile

Part 4 of a Five-Part Series

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U.S. Embassy - Baghdad

First Deputy Speaker Khalid al-Atiyah



Comes from Al-Humaydat Tribe in Al-Shamiyah District.

Born in 1949.

Finished secondary education in Baghdad in 1970, he was admitted to the Jurisprudence College in Holy Al-Najaf where he pursued his religious studies.

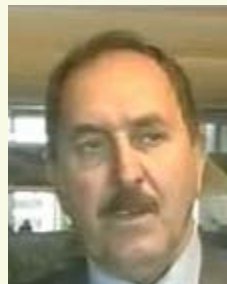
A student of Imam Muhammad Baqir al-Sadr and Imam Al-Sayyid Abu-al-Qasim al-Khu'i. Arrested during the regime of Saddam Husayn in 1972, 1974, and 1975. He immigrated to Egypt in 1979 before traveling to Lebanon, Latin America, and the United Kingdom.

In 1980, he obtained a diploma in literary studies from the Dar al-'Ulum Faculty, at the Cairo University; a masters degree in literary studies in 1985; and a diploma in literary studies from the Saint Joseph University in Lebanon.

He has worked at various religious, cultural, and academic centers and institutions in Iran, Lebanon, and Britain.

A professor and head of the Department of Islamic Studies at the Oxford Academy for Higher Education from 2000 to 2004. Returned to Iraq after the fall of the regime.

Second Deputy Speaker Arif Tayfur



Descends from the family of Sadiq al-Sarqalu, one of the notables of the Barzanja Tribe.

Born in 1945 in Al-Sulaymaniyah.

Completed his secondary education in Al-Sulaymaniyah, where he studied law and graduated in 1971.

Became a member of the Kurdistan Democratic Party [KDP] in Baghdad after his graduation.

He was affiliated with the Kurdistan Students Union in 1958 and became member of the KDP in 1963. He joined the Kurdish revolution in 1973.

After the revolution he went to Iran and worked on rearranging the leadership of the revolution and the KDP.

He worked at the KDP Political Bureau until 2000 where he was a leading member.

After the fall of the regime, he came to Baghdad and became head of the KDP branch in Baghdad.

Member of the Iraqi National Assembly and deputy speaker.

NEXT WEEK: *Minister of Defense Abdul Qadir Mohammed Jasim, Minister of Interior Jawad al-Bolani, and Minister of State for National Security Shirwan al-Waili*

Iraq Fact:

Railways: 2,200 km

Roadways: 45,550 km
paved: 38,399 km / unpaved: 7,151 km



Source: CIA World Factbook

Basic Medical Care for Iraqi Citizens

By Staff Sgt. Brian Speech

MOSULI, Iraq -- As Coalition forces help rebuild Iraq, basic medical care, and medical supplies for Iraqi people are still an on-going concern. The 1st Battalion, 17th Infantry Regiment, 172nd Striker Brigade Combat Team addresses these issues continually.

Helping the Iraqi people take care of basic medical issues is a concern for coalition forces to help stop the spread of disease and to get residents to understand the importance of good health. Recently, the battalion delivered much needed medical supplies to the Primary Health Center in Homadat, Bodush, Iraq.



An Iraqi child receives a wheel chair and doll at the Primary Health Center Homadat.

"This is a very small amount of what they need," said Capt. Matthew Fargo, medical officer, 1st Battalion 17th Inf. Rgt., 172nd SBCT. "The Ministry of Health is doing all they can as well as Coalition Forces. This is one of the bigger and better clinics in Iraq. People travel from as far as Tal Afar to receive care. That shows how desperate the need for more clinics has become."

The primary health clinic has eight doctors and four dentists. They are open six days a week and have two shifts. The clinic is general practice and treats newborns to the elderly. On average 600 patients a month are seen and treated. The most common condition treated is shortness of breath due to the poor quality of air.

"Children under the age of 12 are seen for free and receive free medicine. Those over the age of 12 are charged 5000 Dinar or 50 cents," said an Iraqi physician.

"Every time U.S. forces deliver medications it is a welcome relief. The Ministry of Health does what it can, but it is very limited in resources since the war. Any extras we get from the U.S. are greatly welcome and appreciated," he added.

Another obstacle that the Ministry faces is the supply of medical equipment. After the war most hospitals and clinics in Iraq were looted leaving them with no equipment to operate with.

"We still have a couple hurdles in front of us but we are about 65 percent of the way there," said Fargo. "Medical care should be a non-issue for us in the near future."

Soldier Builds Police Station on Own Time

Story & Photo by Staff Sgt. Steve Duga

IRBIL, Iraq - One Soldier is going above and beyond the call of duty in the name of training. Pfc. Aaron Postma, and Iraqi Police (IP) trainer, 549th Military Police Company, has taken on a one-man mission of building a bigger and better "shoot house" to train the Iraqi police of Irbil, Iraq.

"When I got here, I noticed that the existing shoot house was falling apart, because it is only made of reinforced sandbarriers," Postma said. "So I had some lumber shipped to the range and then started building a new range."

The new shoot house will sit between two firing lanes, in the middle of the range that was just completely rebuilt by Postma and his team. The hardest part for Postma is finding time in his busy schedule to work on it.

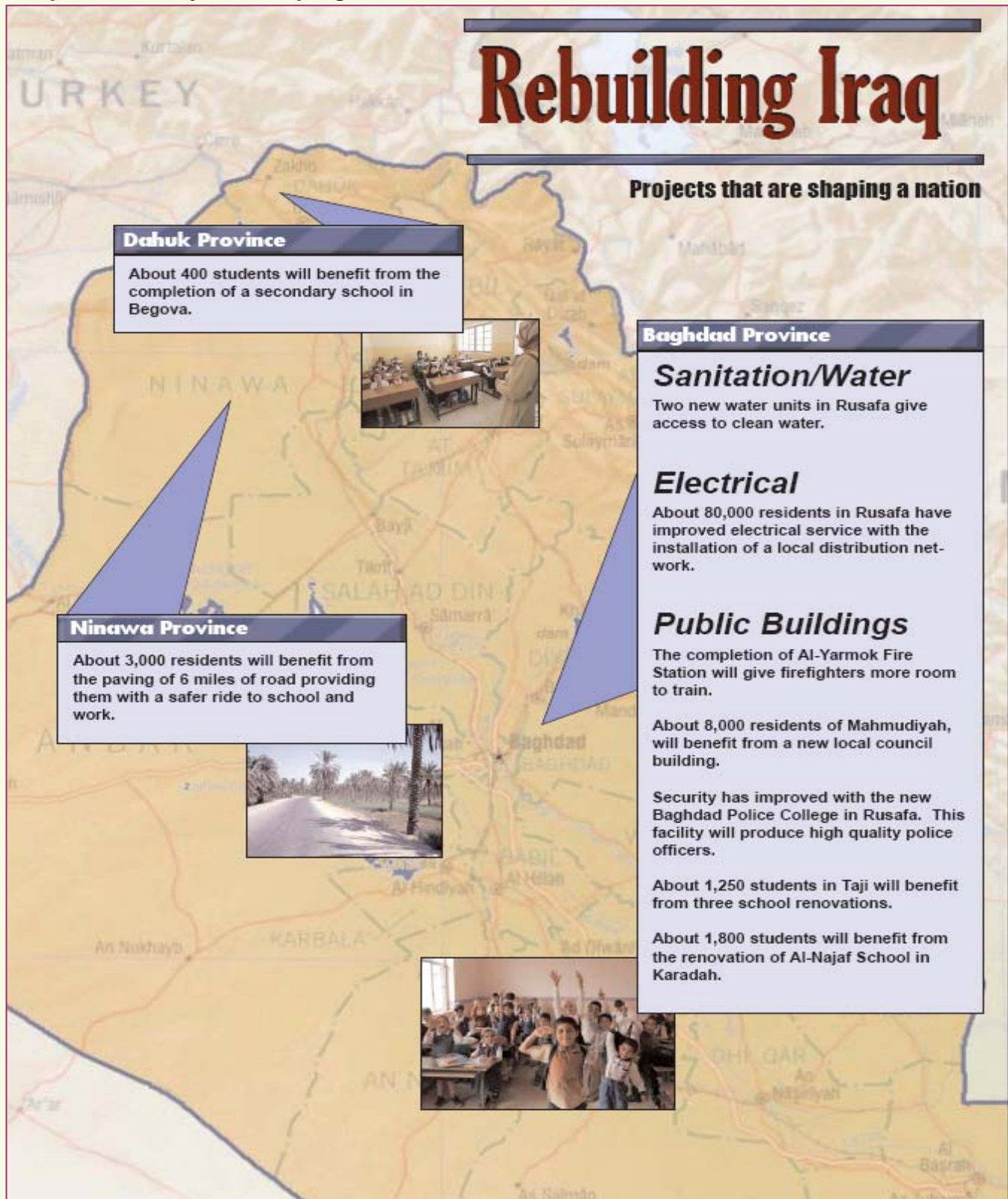
"It has taken me a long time to build it because it is hard to coordinate getting the tools I need, and any extra materials," he said. At first glance, the shoot house looks like a yard shed under construction. When it is finished, it will have multiple doors, long hallways, and several rooms. It will serve as a training site where the IPs can learn basic techniques on entering a building and clearing a room.

"I have no doubt that the new shoot house will improve the level of training that the IPs receive," Postma said. "I am making it my personal goal to make sure that the shoot house is completed, and being used before I leave at the end of my deployment."



Pfc. Aaron Postma

Snapshot of Projects Shaping a Nation




Rebuilding Iraq

Projects that are shaping a nation


Dahuk Province

About 400 students will benefit from the completion of a secondary school in Begova.



Ninawa Province

About 3,000 residents will benefit from the paving of 6 miles of road providing them with a safer ride to school and work.



Baghdad Province

Sanitation/Water

Two new water units in Rusafa give access to clean water.

Electrical

About 80,000 residents in Rusafa have improved electrical service with the installation of a local distribution network.

Public Buildings


The completion of Al-Yarmok Fire Station will give firefighters more room to train.

About 8,000 residents of Mahmudiyah, will benefit from a new local council building.

Security has improved with the new Baghdad Police College in Rusafa. This facility will produce high quality police officers.

About 1,250 students in Taji will benefit from three school renovations.

About 1,800 students will benefit from the renovation of Al-Najaf School in Karadah.



A Reconstruction Partnership



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